MADNESS

TWO

Dear Diary...
My Dad... Uncle Jim... Jim...
He finally let me spend the whole day in the city...
...by myself!
DIARY
...honestly... he thinks I'm a child!
...It's madness...
...trying to raise one child in this city...
...let alone two.
...agreeing to adopt Babs...
What could I have been thinking?
...Then I see her smile...
...and I remember why.
HI.
IS THERE ANYTHING LEFT IN THE STORES?
VERY FUNNY.
LET'S GO HOME.
OH, AND DON'T WORRY...
I WON'T TELL MOM--
--YOU WERE SMOKING.

Tonight is Halloween.
Children should be allowed to dress up as spooks and fairies and collect candy...
...without having to worry about being poisoned... molested... or worse...

In the past weeks, reports of runaways disappearing near Gotham Central Park...
...led me to Jervis Tetch.
Delusional. Schizophrenic. Homicidal.
The Mad Hatter
is in Gotham City.
In this Style
TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE BAT!

HATTER!
HOW I WONDER WHERE YOU'RE AT!
UP ABOVE THE WORLD YOU FLY--
ONLY YOU CAN STOP THIS--
--BEFORE I HAVE TO HURT YOU.

--LIKE A TEATRAY IN THE SKY!
Trying to be rational with an irrational man...
One could ask...
...which of us is crazy...?

BABS...
...WE SHOULD BE GETTING HOME.
...people come and go in the strangest ways around here...

Joker. Scarecrow. Two-face.
Each has their own private madness that drives them.
Each has an unpredictable violent nature which makes them dangerous.
But, facing them does not disturb me...
...the way The Hatter does...
T-J-B

In taking his identity from "Alice in Wonderland"...
Jervis Tetch unknowingly perverts a happy childhood memory...
...of which I have so few...
...and reminds me of her...
...which I cannot afford to have happen.
AILEY'S MAN
MARIO'S

GOTHAM PLAYING CARD CO
TAKE OFF YOUR HAT!
I KEEP THEM TO SELL.
I HAVE NONE OF MY OWN.
I'M A HATTER!

Q
OFF.
oFF.
OFF.
THE QUEEN.
...WITH HIS HEAD!

TETCH.
I'M WILLING TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE.
tHe tImE hAs CoMe...
YES...
...TO TALK... OF MANY THINGS...
oF sHoEs!
NO. THE CHILDREN.
THE MISSING CHILDREN.
--aNd sHIpS--
COOPERATE.
--aNd SeALING WaX!

BLAM!
I'M LATE.
In this Style
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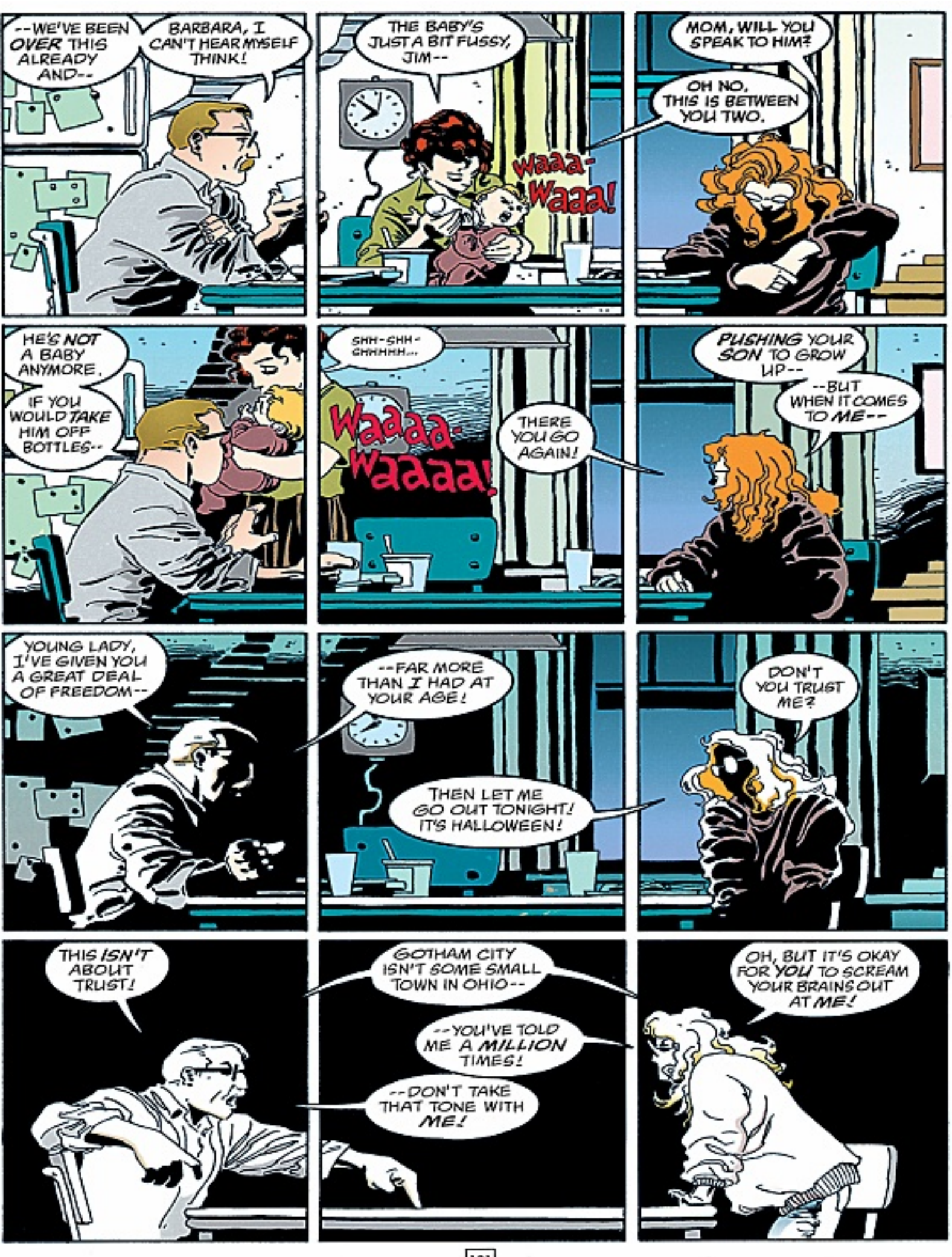
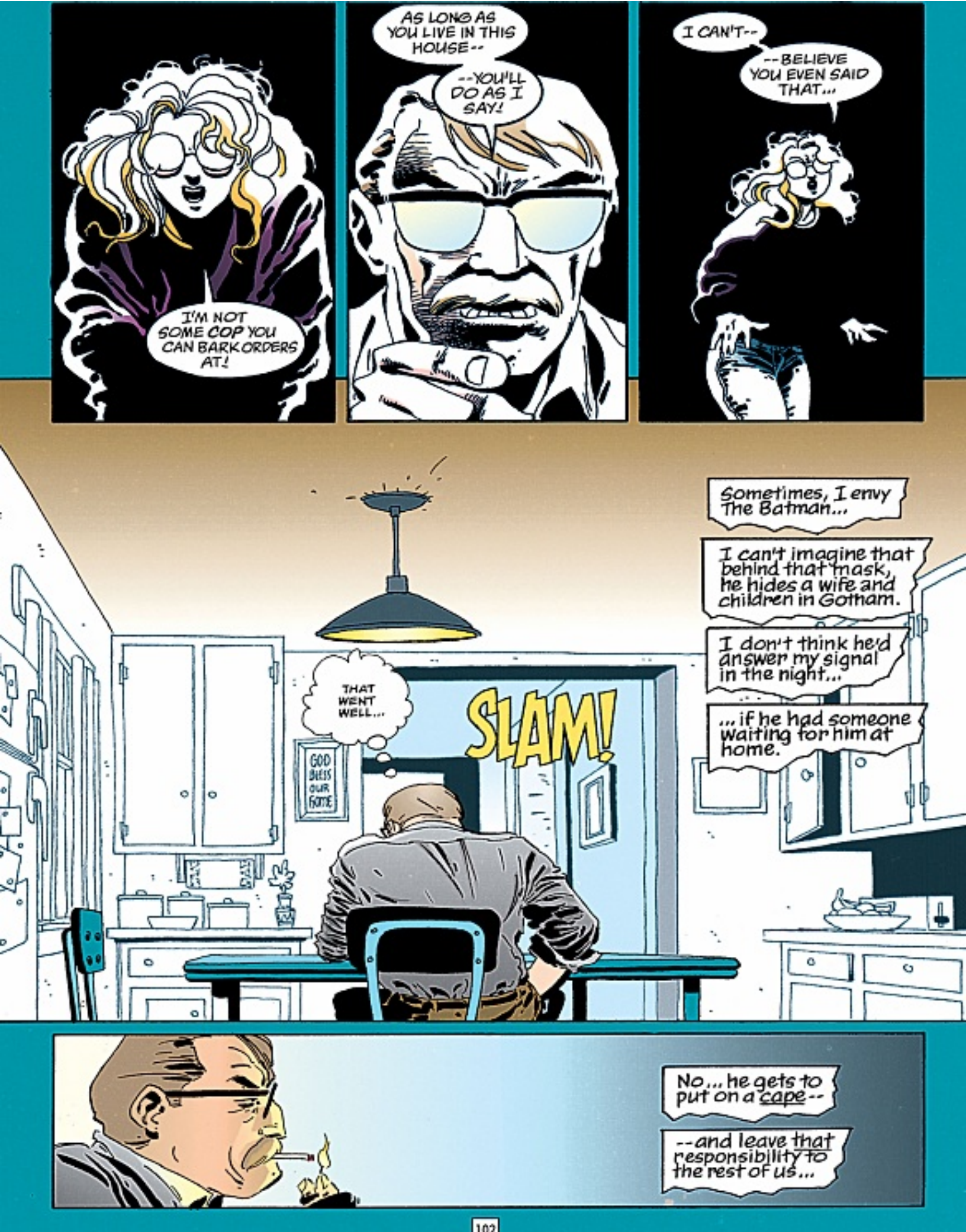
I'm LATE.
I'M LATE.
I'm LATE.


--WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS ALREADY AND--
BARBARA, I CAN'T HEAR MYSELF THINK!
THE BABY'S JUST A BIT FUSSY, JIM--
Waaa-Waaa!
MOM, WILL YOU SPEAK TO HIM?
OH NO, THIS IS BETWEEN YOU TWO.
HE'S NOT A BABY ANYMORE.
IF YOU WOULD TAKE HIM OFF BOTTLES--
SHH-SHH-GHHHHH...
Waaaa-Waaaa!
THERE YOU GO AGAIN!
PUSHING YOUR SON TO GROW UP--
--BUT WHEN IT COMES TO ME--
YOUNG LADY, I'VE GIVEN YOU A GREAT DEAL OF FREEDOM--
--FAR MORE THAN I HAD AT YOUR AGE!
THEN LET ME GO OUT TONIGHT! IT'S HALLOWEEN!
DON'T YOU TRUST ME?
THIS ISN'T ABOUT TRUST!
GOTHAM CITY ISN'T SOME SMALL TOWN IN OHIO--
--YOU'VE TOLD ME A MILLION TIMES!
--DON'T TAKE THAT TONE WITH ME!
OH, BUT IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO SCREAM YOUR BRAINS OUT AT ME!


I'M NOT SOME COP YOU CAN BARK ORDERS AT!
AS LONG AS YOU LIVE IN THIS HOUSE--
--YOU'LL DO AS I SAY!
I CAN'T--
--BELIEVE YOU EVEN SAID THAT...
Sometimes, I envy The Batman...
I can't imagine that behind that mask, he hides a wife and children in Gotham.
I don't think he'd answer my signal in the night...
...if he had someone waiting for him at home.
THAT WENT WELL...
SLAM!
GOD BLESS OUR HOME
No... he gets to put on a cape--
--and leave that responsibility to the rest of us...

...bleeding...
...gunshot...
...Had...
...Matter...
...water...
...dripping
...stay
conscious
...can't...
remember
her...
rainy
days...
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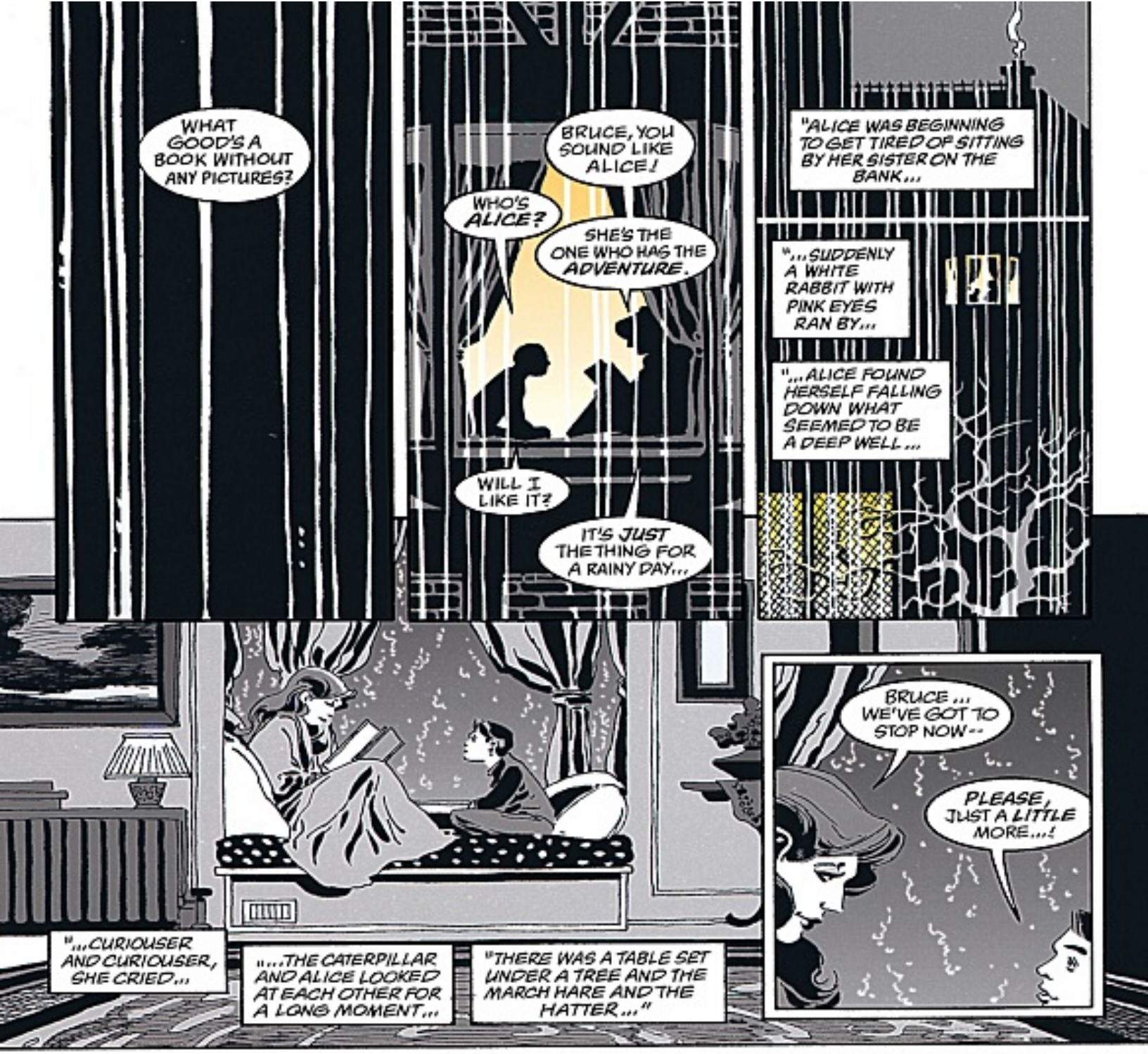

WHAT GOOD'S A BOOK WITHOUT ANY PICTURES?
BRUCE, YOU SOUND LIKE ALICE!
WHO'S ALICE?
SHE'S THE ONE WHO HAS THE ADVENTURE.
WILL I LIKE IT?
IT'S JUST THE THING FOR A RAINY DAY...
"ALICE WAS BEGINNING TO GET TIRED OF SITTING BY HER SISTER ON THE BANK...
"...SUDDENLY A WHITE RABBIT WITH PINK EYES RAN BY...
"...ALICE FOUND HERSELF FALLING DOWN WHAT SEEMED TO BE A DEEP WELL...
BRUCE... WE'VE GOT TO STOP NOW--
PLEASE, JUST A LITTLE MORE...!
"...CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER, SHE CRIED..."
"...THE CATERPILLAR AND ALICE LOOKED AT EACH OTHER FOR A LONG MOMENT..."
"THERE WAS A TABLE SET UNDER A TREE AND THE MARCH HARE AND THE HATTER..."

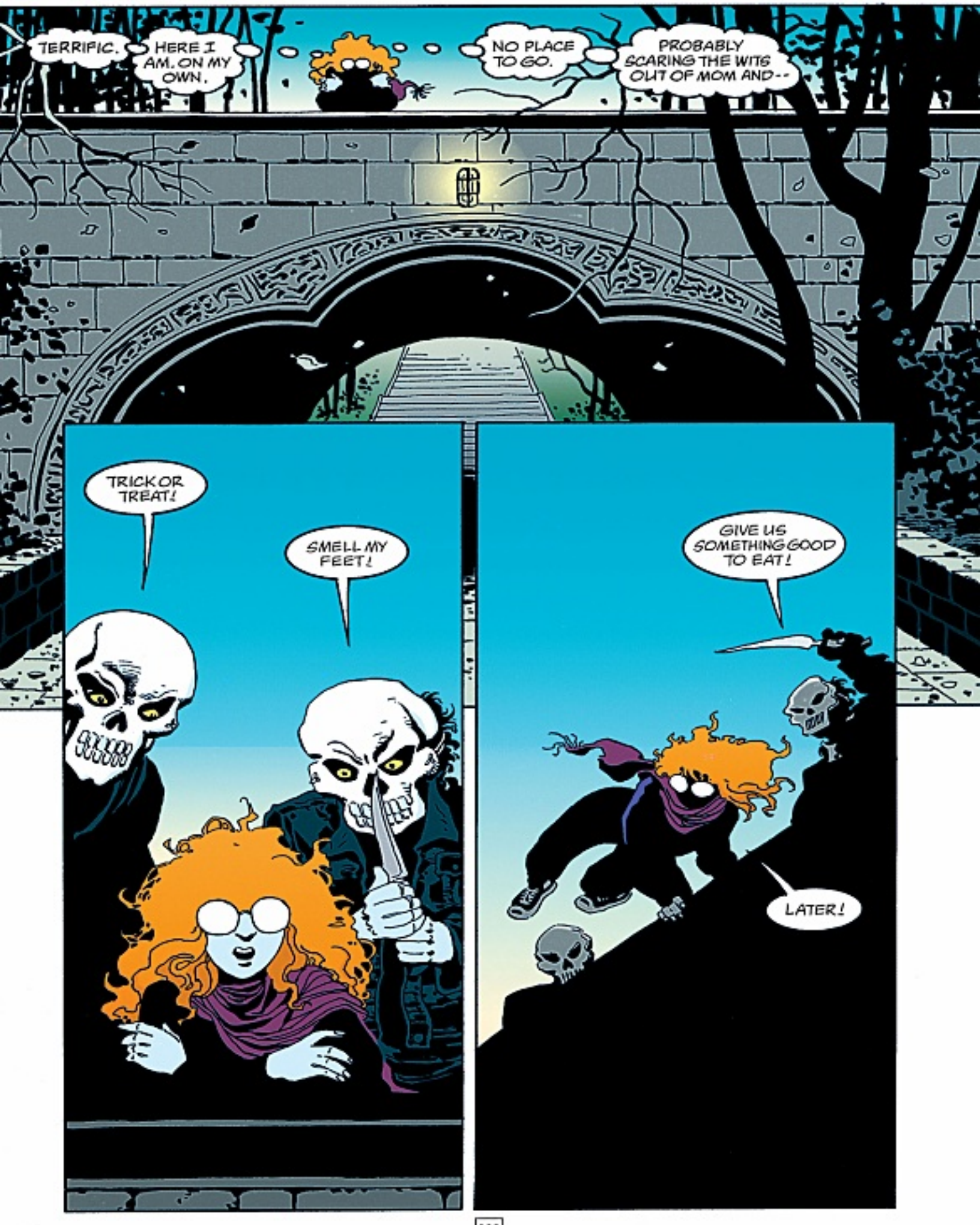
I'M GLAD YOU'RE ENJOYING IT, BUT--
YOU TWO AREN'T READY YET?
...FATHER...
COME ON NOW, WE DON'T WANT TO BE LATE...

I JUST DON'T WANT YOU FILLING HIS HEAD WITH FANCY TALES--
IT IS CLASSIC LITERATURE...
AND THIS MOVIE TONIGHT...
COULDN'T WE FIND SOMETHING MORE...
...INSPIRATIONAL?
LIKE ONE OF THOSE DREADFUL MEDICAL BIOGRAPHIES?
PERSONALLY, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO "THE MARK OF ZORRO"!
ALL READY TO GO, FATHER...!

WILL YOU WEAR THESE TONIGHT?
HONEY, WE'RE ONLY GOING TO THE MOVIES.
PEARLS ARE FOR A SPECIAL NIGHT.
COULDN'T WE MAKE IT SPECIAL?
I REALLY LIKED THE BOOK...
I NEVER COULD SAY "NO" TO YOU...

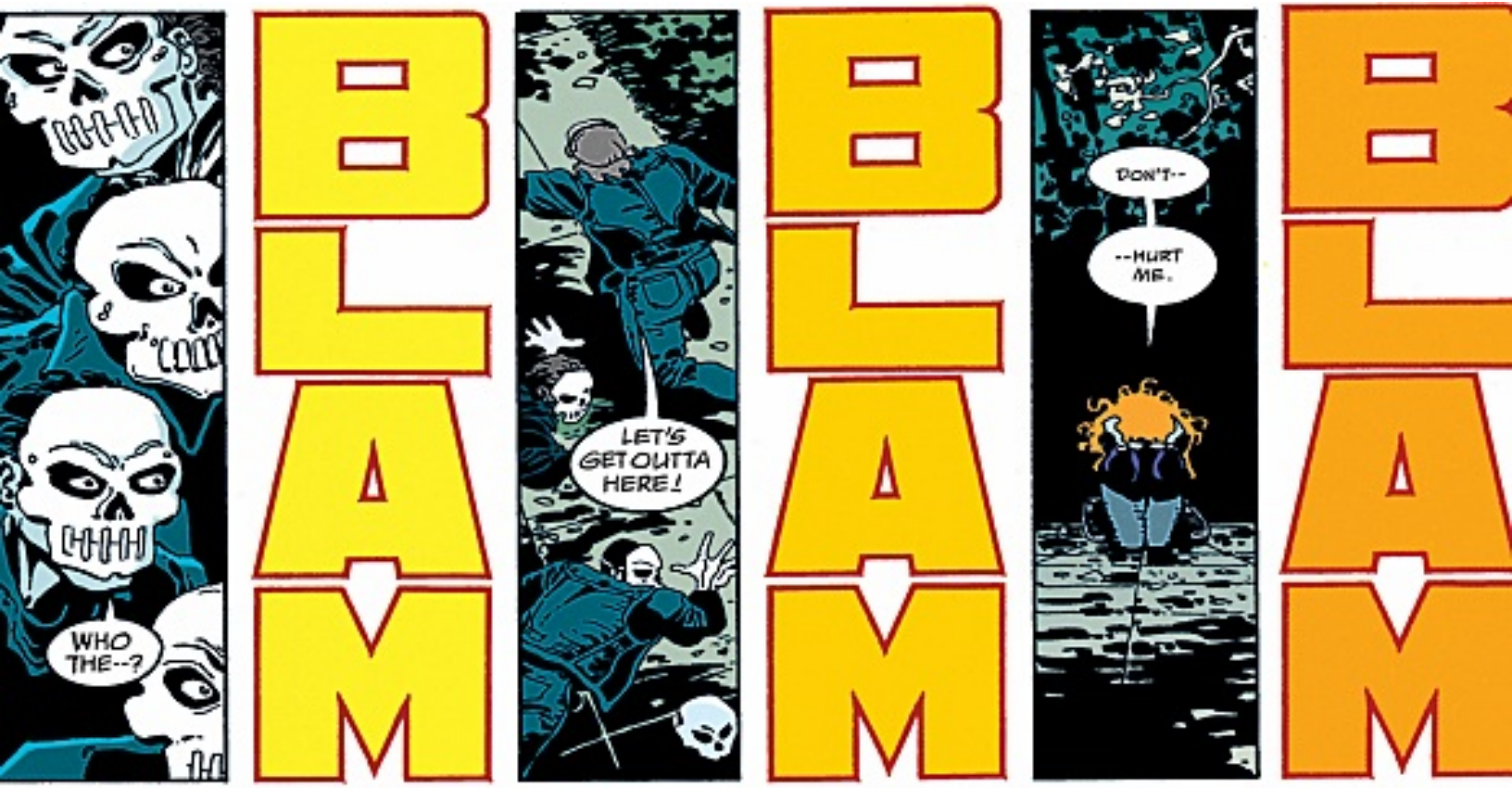
MOTHER!
MOTHER...
I never saw her again...

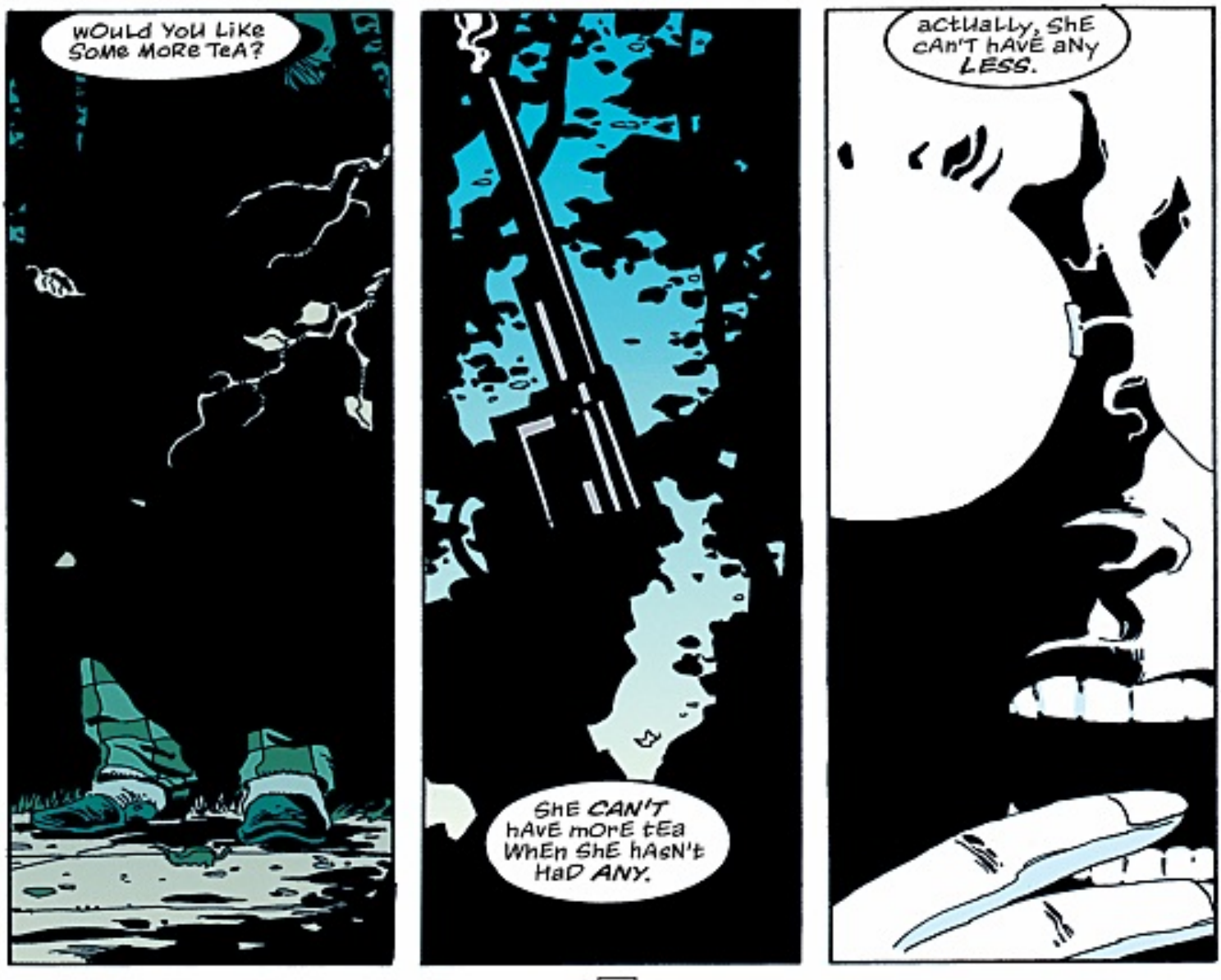
ALL RIGHT. YOU'VE PUNISHED ME ENOUGH.
LET'S AT LEAST DISCUSS IT--
BABS...?
DIARY
...He is my Dad and... He isn't my Dad...
I try my best... He doesn't try at all!
Why doesn't he understand...? He'll never understand...
Maybe I just don't belong here...
JIM...?
SHE'S...GONE, BARBARA.
I'VE SCARED OUR LITTLE GIRL AWAY...
THEN, YOU'D BETTER GET OFF YOUR DUFF--
--AND GET HALF THE CITY OUT LOOKING FOR HER!


TERRIFIC.
HERE I AM. ON MY OWN.
NO PLACE TO GO.
PROBABLY SCARING THE WITS OUT OF MOM AND--
TRICK OR TREAT!
SMELL MY FEET!
GIVE US SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT!
LATER!

I HATE IT WHEN HE'S RIGHT...
THIS IS ABOUT AS MUCH LIKE OHIO AS--
IF YOU DON'T--
--WE DON'T CARE!
--WE'LL PULL DOWN YOUR UNDER-WEA--
HELP!

BLAM!


WHO THE--?
BLAM
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
BLAM
DON'T--
--HURT ME.
BLAM

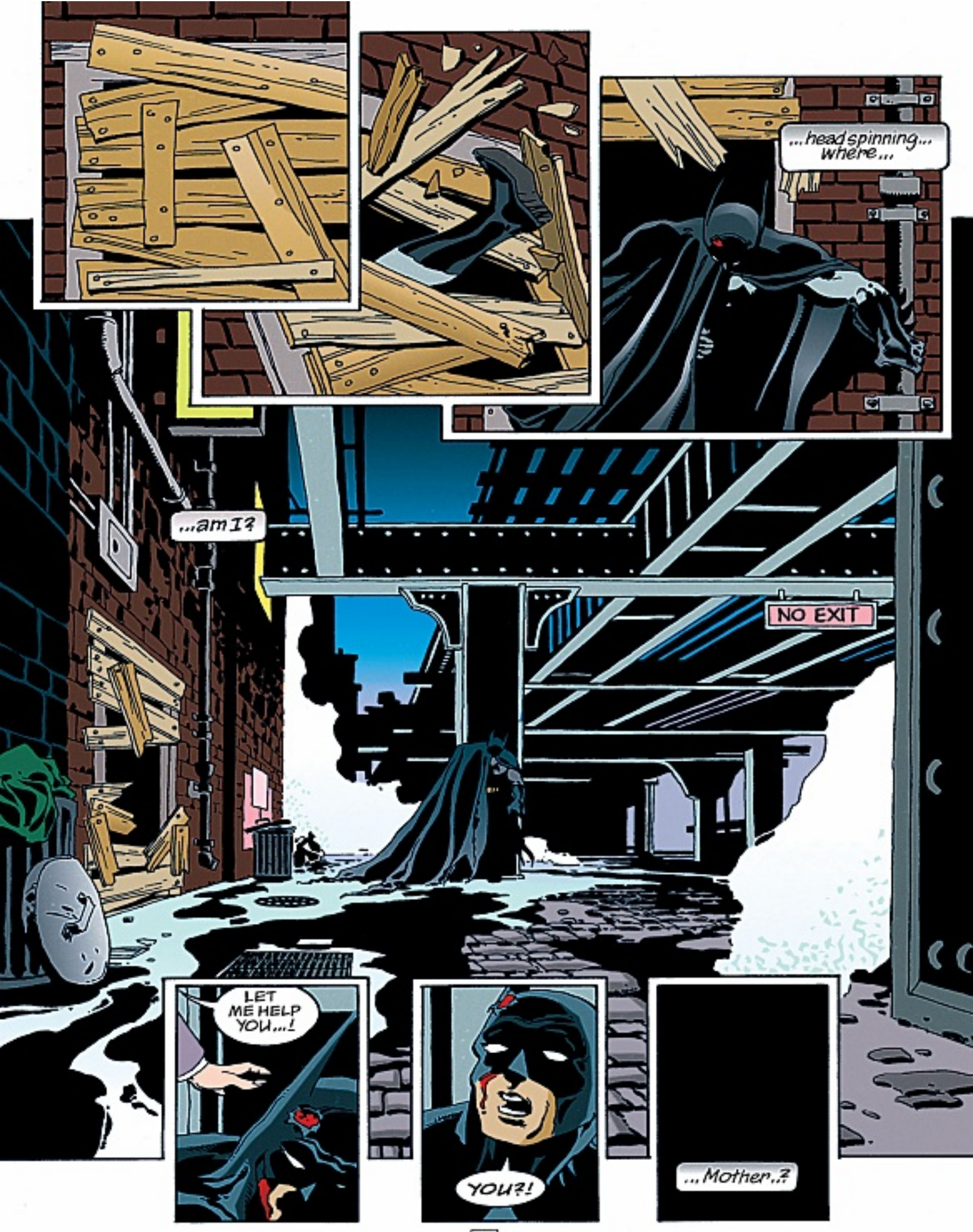

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME MORE TEA?
SHE CAN'T HAVE MORE TEA WHEN SHE HASN'T HAD ANY.
ACTUALLY, SHE CAN'T HAVE ANY LESS.

You could always have MORE.
Couldn't you, alice?
·SALE 94·

Seems I've fallen down a hole...
With the amount of blood I've lost... And a useless right arm...
I can't go back the way I came.

SCREE SCREE

"O MOUSE...
"...DO YOU KNOW THE WAY OUT OF THIS POOL?"
I'm coming for you, Tetch.


...head spinning... where...
...am I?
NO EXIT
LET ME HELP YOU...!
YOU?!
...Mother...?

PARK
ROW
CRIME
ALLEY
...madness...

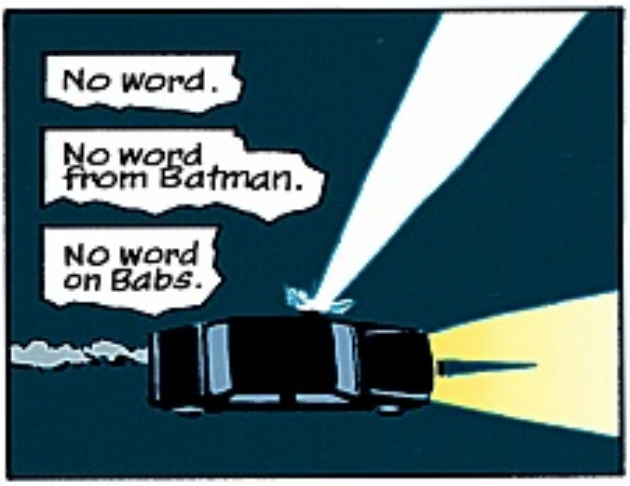
Dear Diary... I'm scared.
I see the light in the sky and I hope and pray that help is coming and...
...I have to try and think like he would. Like a cop.
ORANGE SPICE? EARL GREY? CONSTANTCOMMENT?
He'd probably go along with whatever this crazy man wanted until...
...his friend showed up.
CHINA ROSE? CHAMOMILE? JASMINE?
He's Dark Knight.
But... I'm scared...
FORMOSA! OOLONG! RED ZINGER!

It's quite rude not to have any tea!
I don't mean to be rude.
Really.
I just... don't like tea.
Have some tea, kid.
He don't like when we don't drink the tea.

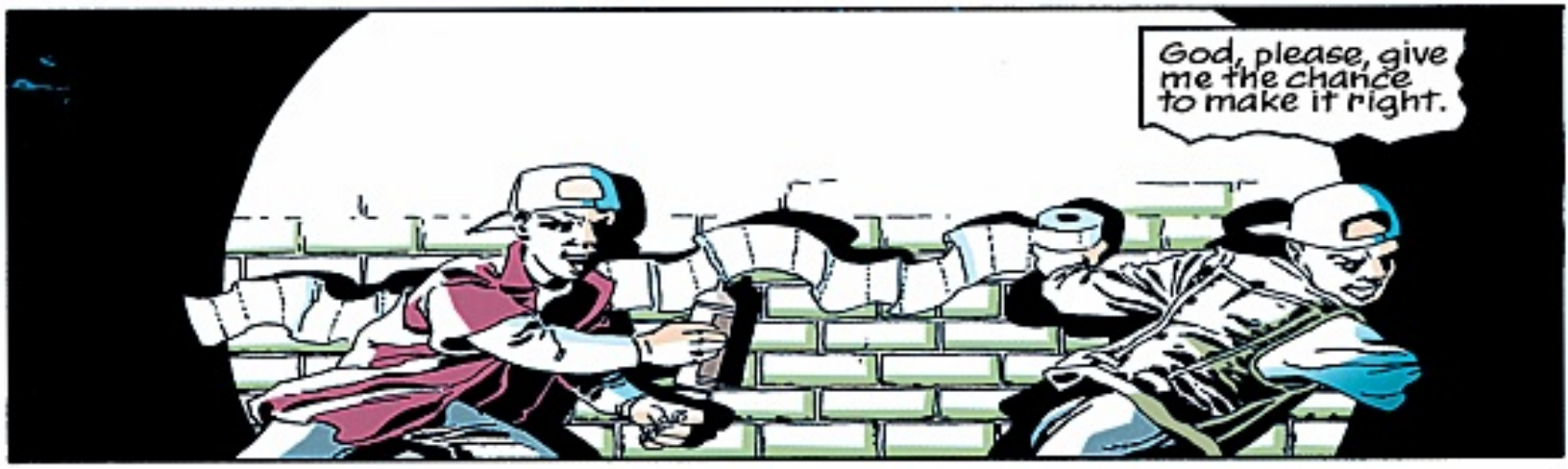
In this style 10/6
OH, NO.
SHE DOESN'T LIKE TEA!

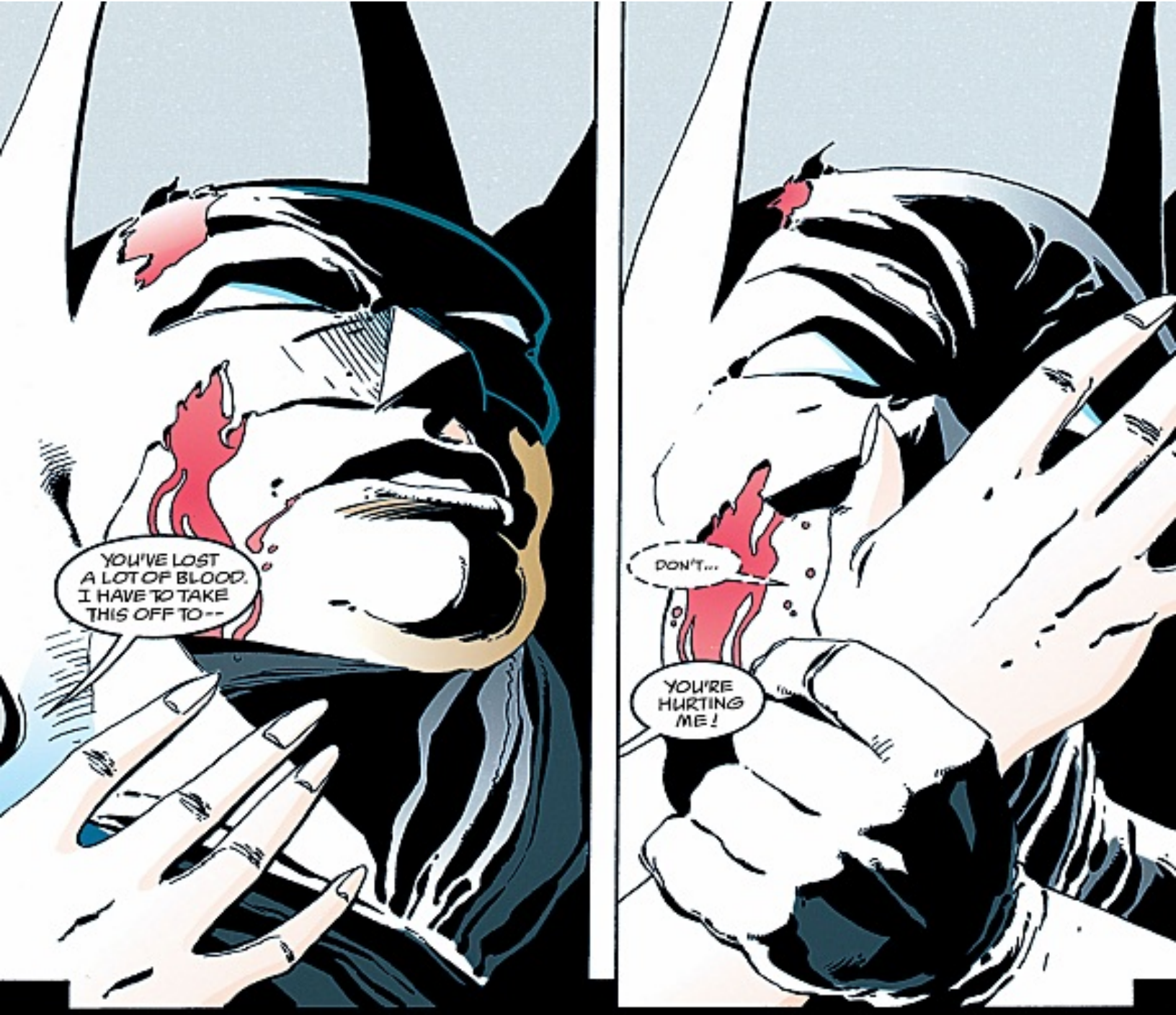
LOOK... I'VE DONE EVERYTHING YOU ASKED--
--PUT ON THIS COSTUME--
--CAME TO YOUR TEA PARTY--
--BUT, I REALLY HAVE TO BE GOING NOW...
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
GOING?
THE QUEEN HASN'T ARRIVED YET!
NOW WHO'S BEING RUDE...?
...GETTING TOO WEIRD...
I'LL GET US SOME MORE TEA.
RUNAWAY. RUNAWAY. RUNAWAY!

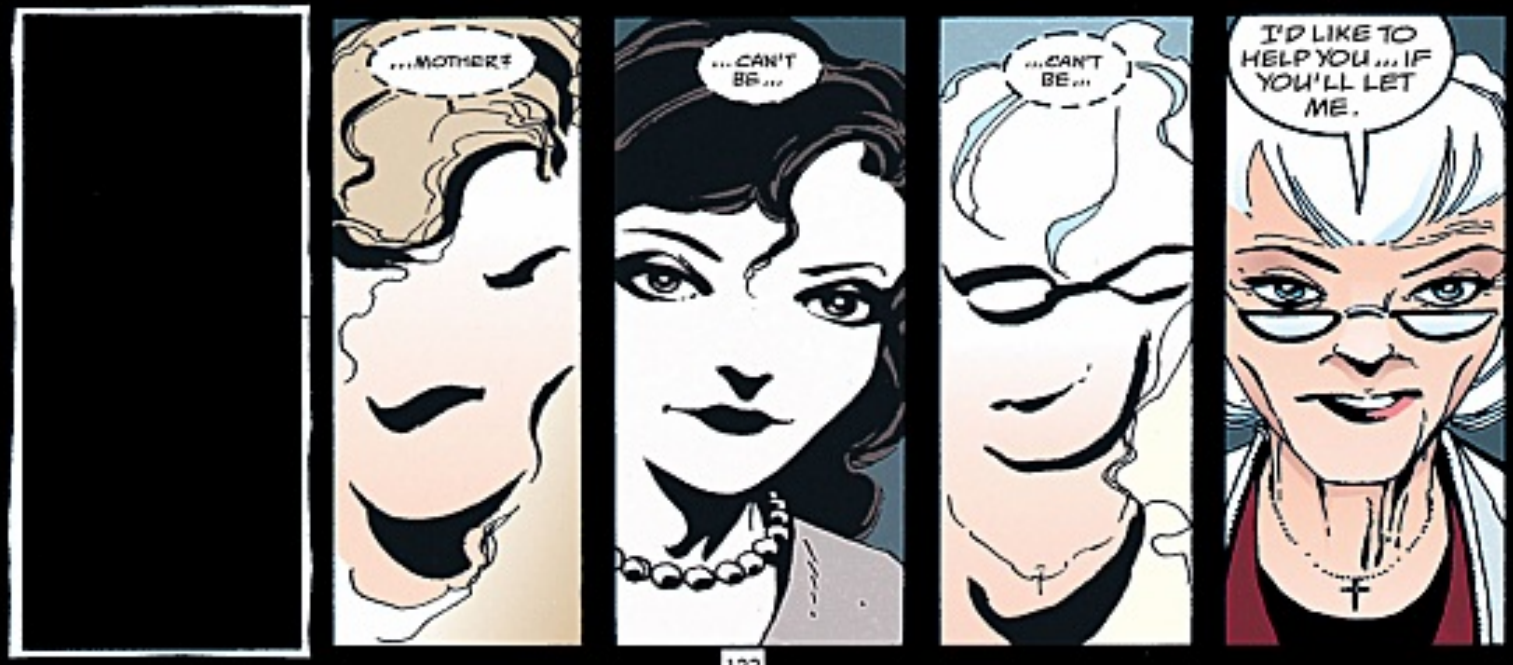
I keep going over and over it in my head--
--what I'll say to Babs when I find her.
How I'll make it right for her.
So we'll never have to go through this nightmare again...


No word.
No word from Batman.
No word on Babs.

This city never seemed quite as enormous--
--before I lost my child in it.


God, please, give me the chance to make it right.


YOU'VE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD. I HAVE TO TAKE THIS OFF TO--
DON'T...
YOU'RE HURTING ME!

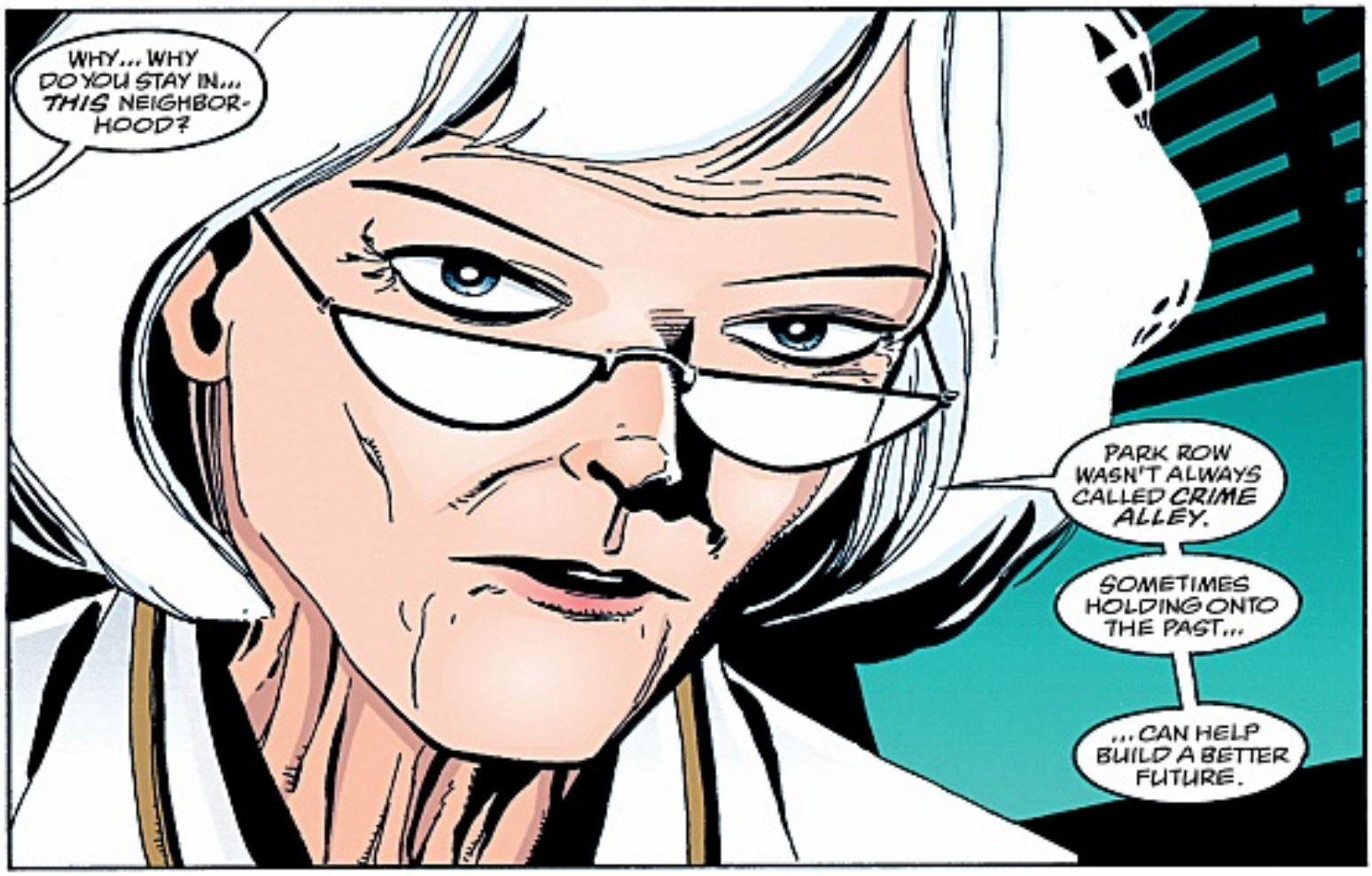

...MOTHER?
...CAN'T BE...
...CAN'T BE...
I'D LIKE TO HELP YOU... IF YOU'LL LET ME.

...Leslie...!
I'M DR. THOMPKINS.
I'D LIKE TO HELP YOU... IF YOU'LL LET ME.

BRUCE?
ALFRED THOUGHT I MIGHT FIND YOU IN HERE.
I'VE BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING--
--FOUND IT DOWNSTAIRS IN THE LIBRARY.
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
Lewis Carroll
IT'S JUST THE THING FOR A RAINY DAY--
I HATE THAT BOOK!
I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP!
I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO--
--HELP ME...

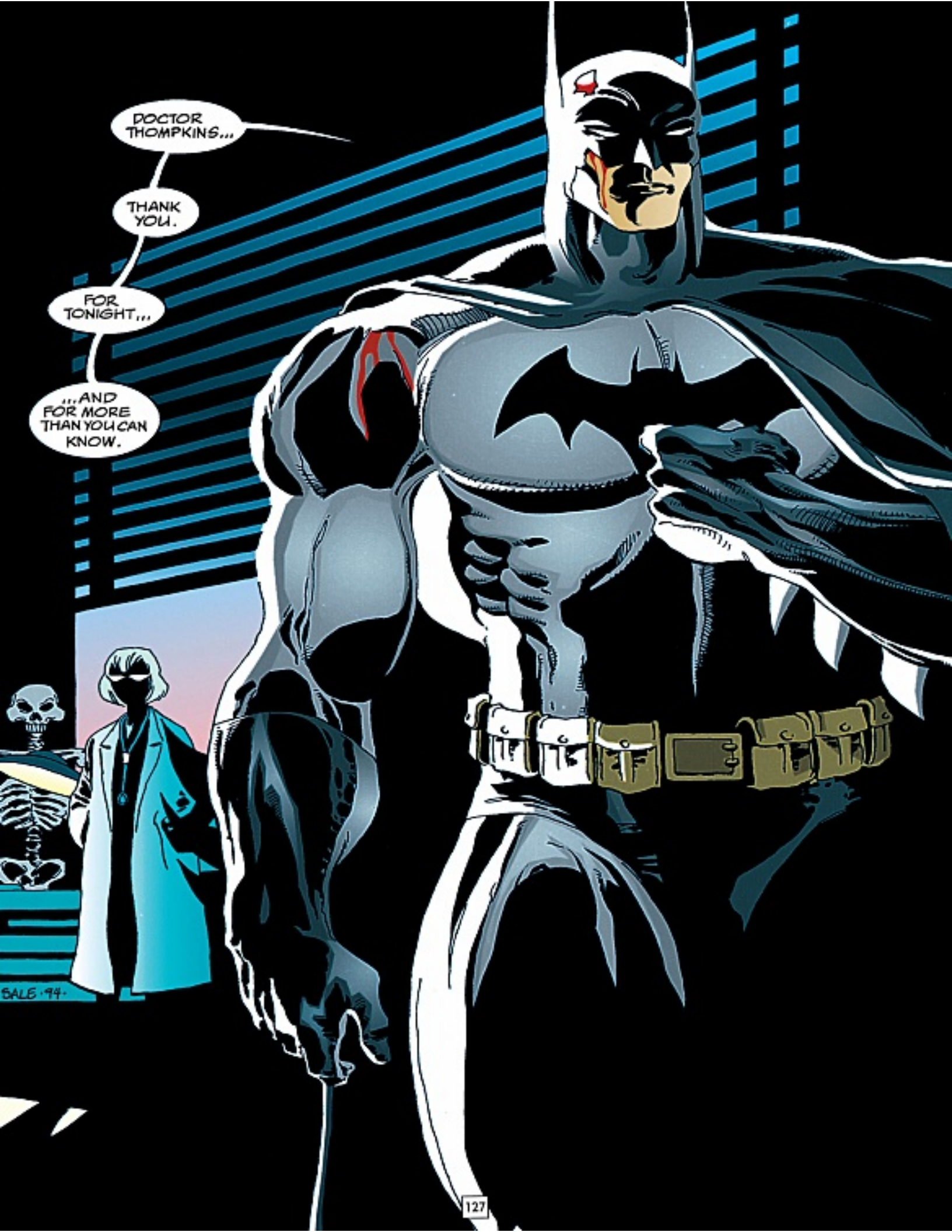
I THINK HE'S FINALLY ASLEEP.
HONESTLY, MR. PENNYWORTH, I THOUGHT HE WOULD ENJOY THE BOOK.
APPARENTLY WE WERE BOTH MISTAKEN.
I HOPE SOMEDAY THAT BRUCE WILL COME BACK TO THE THINGS--
--THAT REMIND HIM OF HIS PARENTS.
BUT THE BOY IS SO DETERMINED--
--LEFT TO HIMSELF, HE'D SHUT EVERYTHING OUT OF HIS LIFE.
THEN, WE NEED TO BE EQUALLY DETERMINED IN OUR LOVE FOR HIM...

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES--
--I'VE PATCHED YOU UP THE BEST I CAN.

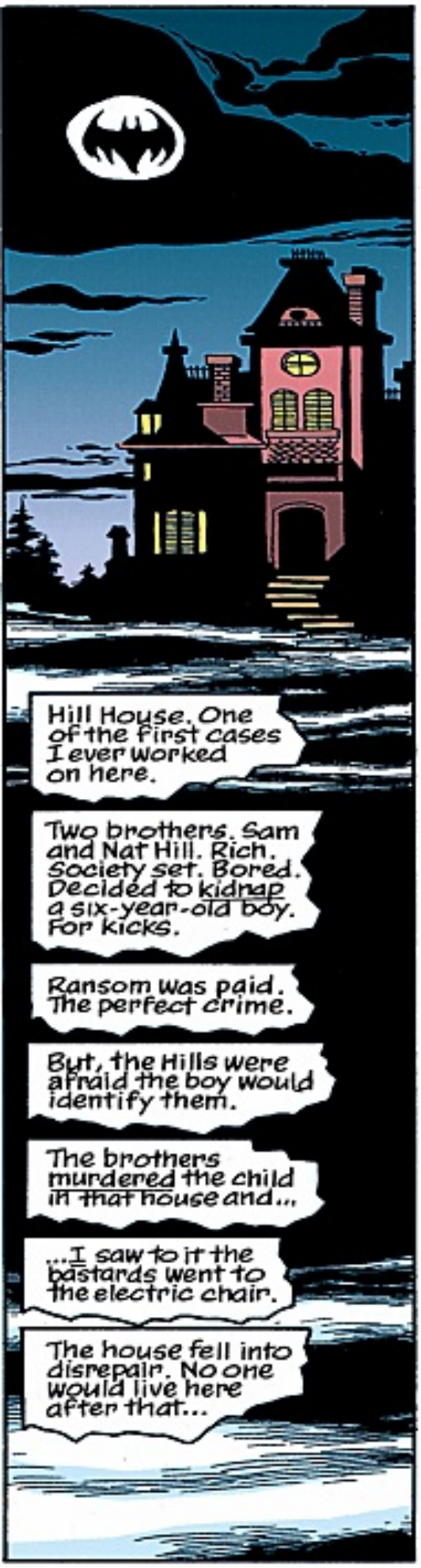

WHY... WHY DO YOU STAY IN... THIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD?
PARK ROW WASN'T ALWAYS CALLED CRIME ALLEY.
SOMETIMES HOLDING ONTO THE PAST...
...CAN HELP BUILD A BETTER FUTURE.

WHAT TIME IS IT?
TIME? IT'S JUST PAST MIDNIGHT--
I HAVE TO GO.
GO? WHERE? YOU SHOULD BE IN A HOSPITAL!

ACTIVATE REMOTE BATMOBILE RETRIEVAL.


DOCTOR THOMPKINS...
THANK YOU.
FOR TONIGHT...
...AND FOR MORE THAN YOU CAN KNOW.
SALE '94

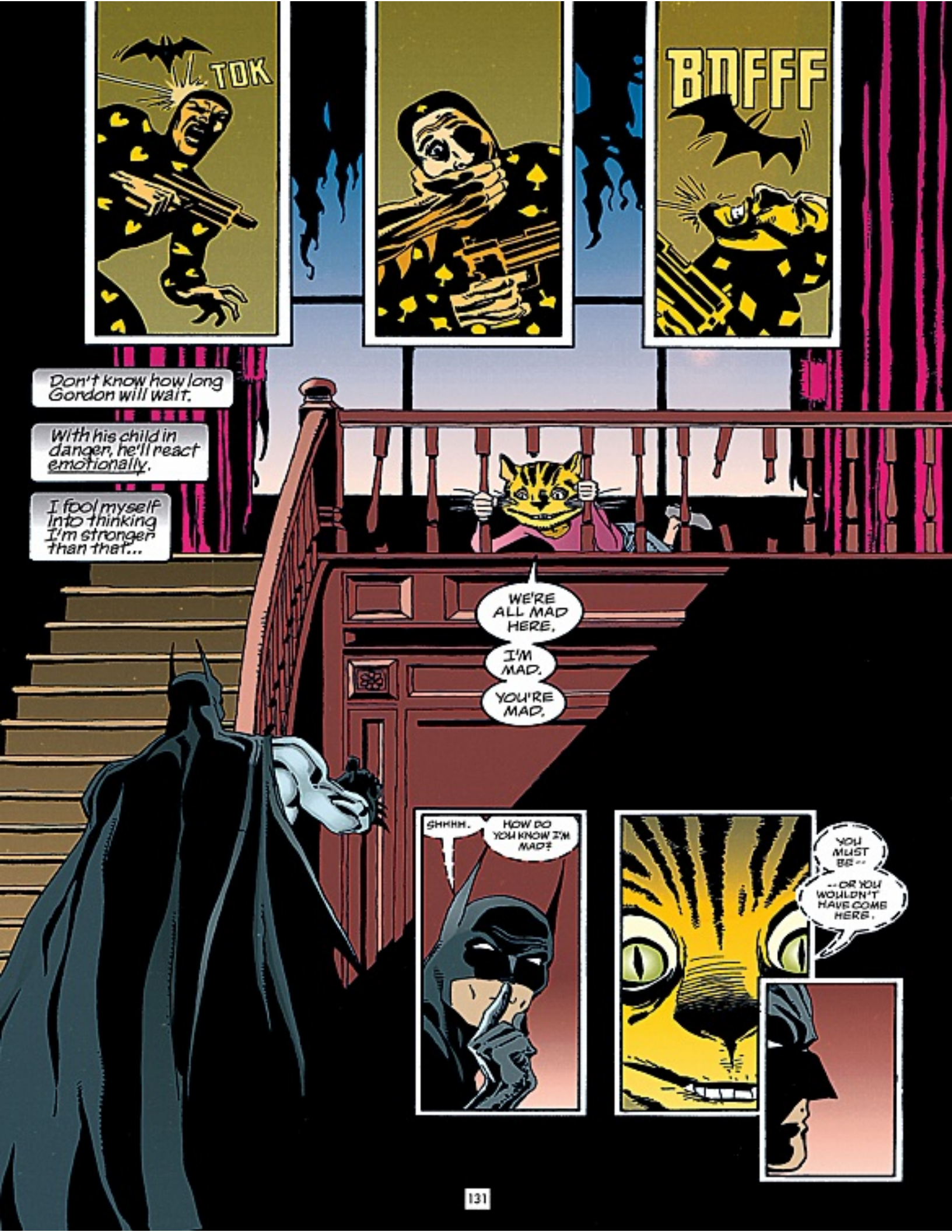
PARK ROW CLINIC
PARK ROW CLINIC
In the pain that was my childhood.
And the horror that changed my life.
COMMENCE SCANNING ALL POLICE BANDS.
211 IN PROGRESS. CITY LIQUOR.
Had it not been for the death of my parents--
--I would never come to know...
DOMESTIC DISPUTE IN GOTHAM TOWERS.
...a remarkable woman.
ALL UNITS IN VICINITY. SUSPECT KNOWN AS JERVIS TETCH LOCATED--


Hill House. One of the first cases I ever worked on here.
Two brothers. Sam and Nat Hill. Rich. Society set. Bored. Decided to kidnap a six-year-old boy. For kicks.
Ransom was paid. The perfect crime.
But, the Hills were afraid the boy would identify them.
The brothers murdered the child in that house and...
...I saw to it the bastards went to the electric chair.
The house fell into disrepair. No one would live here after that...

...no one but a madman.
ON MY COMMAND--
The March Hare gave it all up.
The layout of the house.
The number of armed guards.
The room the Hatter is in...

My men are ready to go...
...then I think of Babs' smile...
...what if something goes wrong? What if--
tap tap

TELL YOUR MEN TO HOLD THEIR POSITIONS.
YOU!
TETCH HAS MAYBE A DOZEN OR SO CHILDREN, RUNAWAYS, INSIDE.
SOME SORT OF... INSANE TEA PARTY.
KEEPS THEM-- SEDATED--
--MAKING THEM DRINK DRUGGED TEA.
THE ONE DRESSED AS "ALICE"--
--MATCHES THE DESCRIPTION OF MY DAUGHTER...
I know what has to be done...

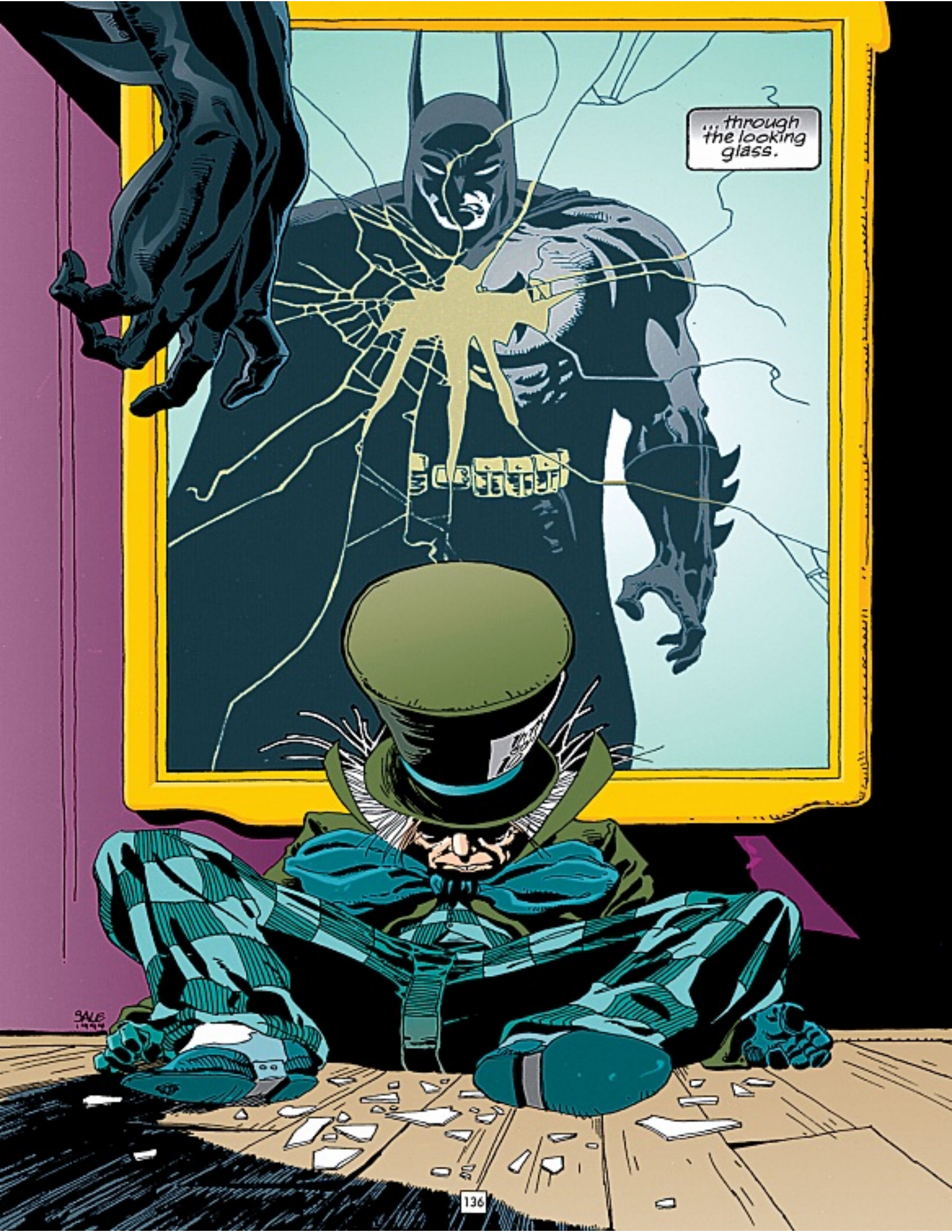

TOK
BOFFF
Don't know how long Gordon will wait.
With his child in danger, he'll react emotionally.
I fool myself into thinking I'm stronger than that...
WE'RE ALL MAD HERE.
I'M MAD.
YOU'RE MAD.
SHHHH.
HOW DO YOU KNOW I'M MAD?
YOU MUST BE--
--OR YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE.

tHe QUeeN oF hEaRts
In this style 10/6
sHe MaDe SoMe TaRtS
In this style 10/6
aLL oN a SuMmEr'S dAy.
In this style 10/6
10
tHe KnAvE oF hEaRts
hE sToLe ThOsE tArtS
aNd ToOk ThEm QuIte AwAy!

I'M LATE.
I'm LATE.
I'M LATE.
I'm LATE.
Every scenario I think of...
...winds up with Gordon's daughter hurt or--

BABS!
IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
SHE WILL BE...
GET THE HATTER.
YOU THERE! OUT OF THE WAY!

tHe JaBbErWock!!
Jervis Tetch lost his mind...
...swallowed up in the book...
..."Alice in Wonderland".
But, this madness ends...


...through the looking glass.
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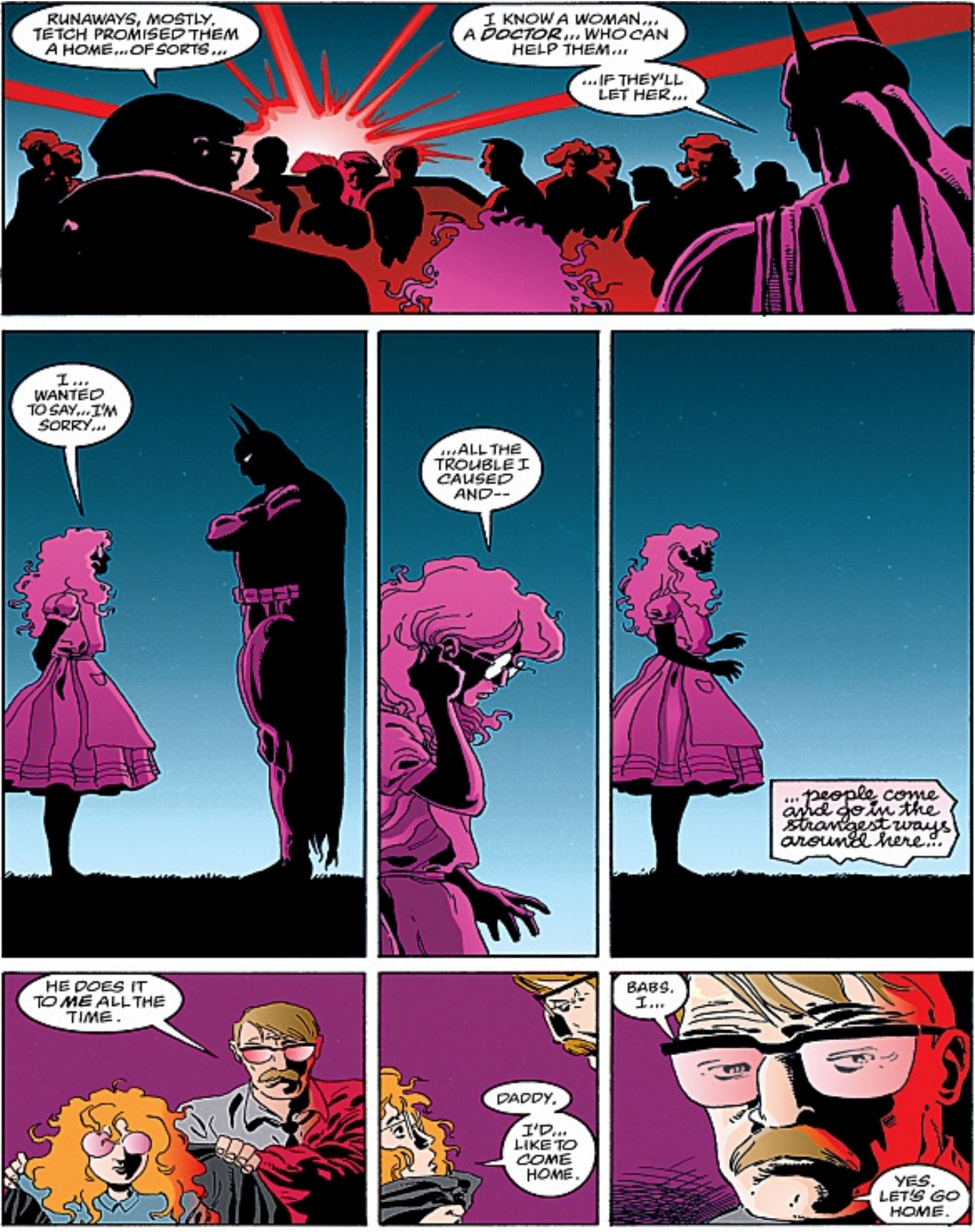
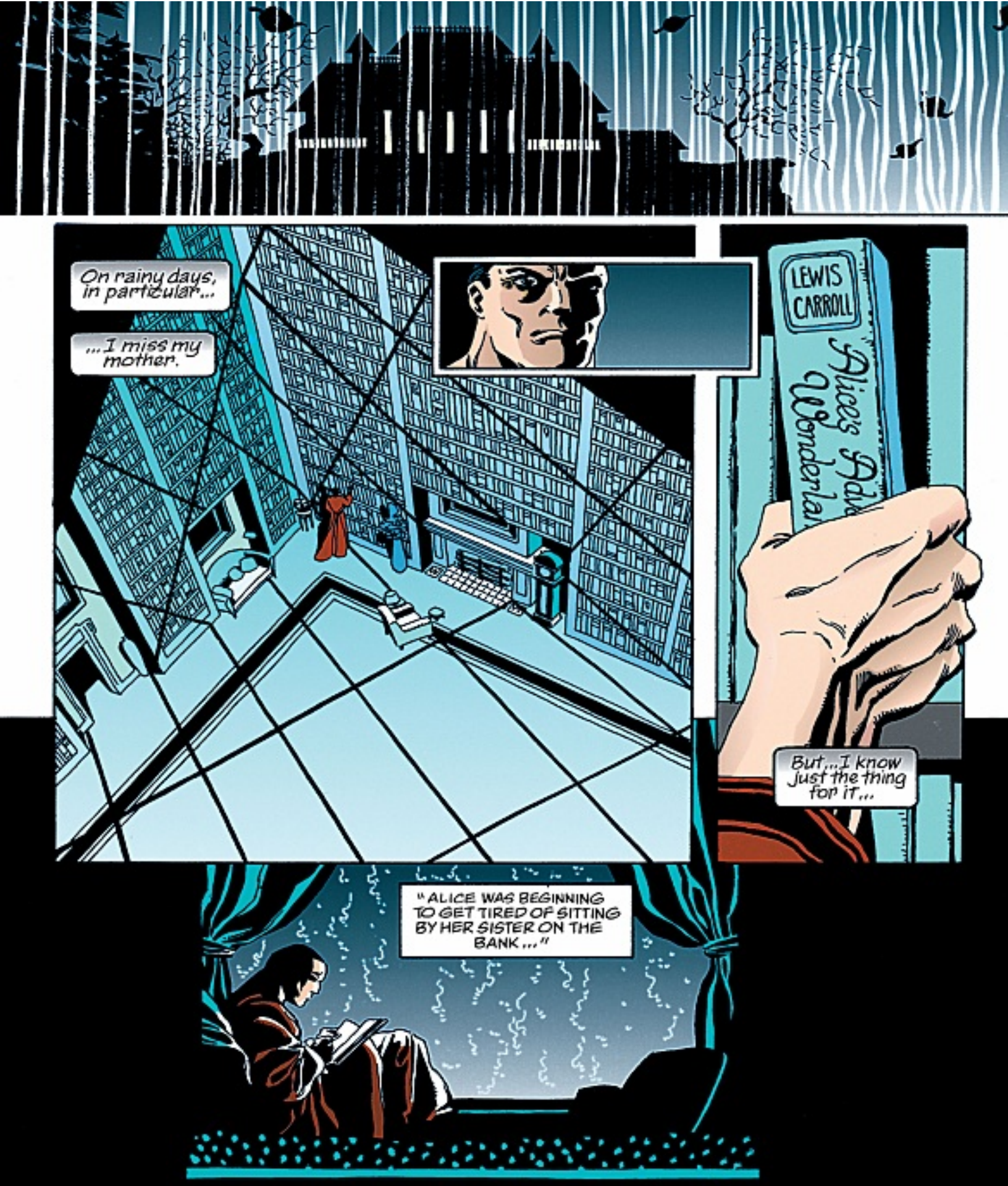

RUNAWAYS, MOSTLY. TETCH PROMISED THEM A HOME... OF SORTS...
I KNOW A WOMAN... A DOCTOR... WHO CAN HELP THEM...
...IF THEY'LL LET HER...
I... WANTED TO SAY... I'M SORRY...
...ALL THE TROUBLE I CAUSED AND--
...people come and go in the strangest ways around here...
HE DOES IT TO ME ALL THE TIME.
DADDY, I'D... LIKE TO COME HOME.
BABS, I...
YES. LET'S GO HOME.


On rainy days, in particular...
...I miss my mother.
LEWIS CARROLL
Alice's Adv
Wonderlan
But...I know just the thing for it...
"ALICE WAS BEGINNING TO GET TIRED OF SITTING BY HER SISTER ON THE BANK..."

TIM
SALE
1995